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OPTICAL FIBRE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) propose to procure additional quantum of optical fibre;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expenditure to be incurred thereon; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited proposes to procure 1,26,000 Route kilometers of optical fibre cable (OFC) for the year 2001-2002.

(b) Details are given hereunder:

6F OFC	34,000 Rkms
12F OFC	80,000 Rkms
24F OFC	12,000 Rkms

(c) Total expenditure to be incurred is approximately Rs. 856.30 crores.

(d) Tender has been invited for procurement of 60,000 kms of 12F OFC and 12,000 kms of 24F OFC. Balance cable has been decentralized and is being procured by circles.